

House District 35

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ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Kodiak 1943 – present

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POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
State Representative
State Senator
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Owner – Alan Austerman, Consultant

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SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Hunting, fishing, photography

STATEMENT:

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Kodiak as their Representative. The next few years will be critical for the State of Alaska and it's residents, as oil reserves decline. While the State has large cash reserves, it is imperative that more oil be moved down the pipeline and that the abundant natural gas begins to move off of the North Slope in order to preserve Alaska's financial future. We all need to remember that these are non-renewable resources which will eventually disappear, as seen with the decline in oil from the North Slope reserves.

With these thoughts in mind, I feel we should do the following: continue the process of shoring up the oil/gas industry to produce more revenue to the state; continue the process of identifying new tax bases to replace the non-renewable oil/gas; pass legislation that requires efficiency and cost benefit ratio studies of all state operational departments.

While working on these measures, we should also define what the state should look like in 20 – 30 years and set a plan in place for continued growth. Hand in hand with this plan should be a set fiscal policy that would identify how to pay for future needs.

In my view, your vote this August and November are not just a privilege, but an inherent right and obligation. Speak your mind this fall and get out and vote.